City of Lafayette Staff Report

For: Redevelopment Agency Board

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Subject: Supplemental Staff Report for Agenda Item #8A (Agreement with Design, Community & Environment to prepare the Downtown Lafayette Specific Plan Program Environmental Impact Report)

Through its review of the proposals, the technical review committee recommended that an additional task be added to DCE's work scope. The committee recommended that TJKM do mid-day traffic counts as part of the traffic analysis. The lack of mid-day counts was an issue raised during the preparation and review of the January 2009 Draft Plan. DCE did amend the work scope to include the additional counts, but the TJKM's costs did not include the task in the budget included in the original staff report attachment. Mid-day traffic congestion will undoubtedly be raised during the scoping and Draft EIR review, and it would have to be added later as an additional cost. Staff recommends that it be added now and addressed up front in the Draft EIR. There are still adequate funds in the existing redevelopment budget to include the task; no additional or new funding is required.

Use	$ 270,753	EIR, financial analysis, visual simulations
Source	$ 195,000	Downtown EIR
	$ 50,000	Design Guidelines
	$ 25,753	Consultant studies
	$ 270,753	Total

Recommendation

Approve the Agreement with Design Community & Environment to prepare the Downtown Lafayette Specific Plan Program Environmental Impact Report with the additional task of mid-day traffic counts.